

ASSOCIATION OF NORTH
EAST MIDLAND
MOTOR CLUBS

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Monday 19th January 2004

at

The Bentley Hotel, Lincoln.

Present:

Gerry Blythe (Chairman), Nick Leuchars (Vice-Chairman), Mark Wagstaff (Treasurer, Web Master) Avril Clarke (Training Officer) Brian Northcote (Auditor) John Chadwick (Road Rally co-ordinator) John Hickling (Stage Rally Co-ordinator) Sandra Hickling (Social Secretary) Richard Ashton (Ass Training Officer) Aggie Foster (Women in Motor Sport)

Also Delegates from the following Member Clubs:

Border MC, Carlton & DMC, Dukeries MC, Eastwood & DMC, Grantham Poachers, Grimsby MC, Ilkley & DMC, Kings Lynn & DMC, Lincoln MC & CC, Lindholme MC, Malton MC
Lincs. Louth MC, Mablethorpe & DMC, NWMC, Peterborough MC, Slaithwaithe MC, Wakefield & DMC

Apologies for Absence:

Coalville CC, Mercia MSC and CSMA.

Anthony Northcote on behalf of Dukeries MC gave a formal vote of thanks to the Association for nominating them as club of the year, which title they had won.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: (13th January 2003)

Taken as read.

Proposed Lincoln MC&CC. Seconded Slaithwaite MC. All votes cast in favour.

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

4. Officials Reports:

a. Secretary:

The last year has been a difficult one for me in many ways. I took over from Kevin at the 2003 AGM little knowing that he would be too ill to help me settle into my new post. It was lucky that I had on my computer nearly all the relevant documentation that had been sent out in the past by Kevin. Although I had been taking and typing up minutes previously the prospect of compiling and sending out everything was daunting to say the least. I apologise now if I have made any horrible mistakes or missed anyone off during the last year. I also thank all of you for your patience and understanding as well as your invaluable support.

I think that I have now got my address book up to date (or as up to date as the information I have been provided with) There are very few minutes sent out by post now which makes the job slightly easier. The year book posting is a large task and family help is very much appreciated. Many thanks to Gerry for undertaking to compile the dates list for 2004.

The Year Book has been amended with the information that clubs have sent me but I have to say the response was not very good with a less than fifty percent return. Again thanks to Gerry for all his support.

I hope that I can continue to improve the way that the Association is run and make it the best in the country. We are always at the forefront of any developments good or bad within motor sport and I hope this will carry on in the future.

I have also been helping to compile a new development plan for the association and this should help to guide us through the years to come

b. Treasurer:

For a change, I intend this report to be a bit shorter and more to the point!

The year ending 31st October 2003 was one of fairly normality with regard the Association and it's finances.

down to the Treasurer's role changing and we not knowing about it. It does bear repeating please that ANY changes to a member club's Committee, is passed onto us as soon as possible so we can amend our files, Year Book etc.

The number of member clubs remains the same as at the start of the year (40) and the very slight increase of £1 pa in subs didn't seem to cause any problems.

Both the Stage Rally and the Road Rally Contender registrations were again up on last year with the resultant increase in their income increasing; my sincere thanks to the ver hard working Co-ordinators of John Hickling and John Chadwick respectively! Quite how you do it each year (grow numbers) I really don't know!

Income also increased on last year thanks to getting a slightly better rate of credit interest on our funds - whether this will continue as we move forward, I wait and see.

My thanks must also go to the Championship Sponsors (Road Runner, Phoenix Awards and CARS) who yet again continued to put something back into clubman motorsport. Without their marvellous support, it would make the Association Championships a much less "professional" affair. Certainly the new style Stage Rally Decals that Rob sourced were very "glossy" and gave off a wonderful impression to all. Thank you guys.

Sandra Hickling continued to weave her magic with the Annual Awards Dinner and came in well within budget - surely a grand night out that non can afford not to miss and such great value! Thank you Sandra.

The main thing I was planning to talk about in this report, would have been the Regional Inter Association Stage Rally. However, as has been well documented in the past, all the planning came to nought and we were left with a small cost to pay. If the decision had not been made by Gerry to stop when we did, that cost could well have been much higher. So although it was a sad decision to make, it was a necessary one.

Thanks to the continuing use of email for the majority of our Association correspondence, the costs in running the Association and the production of Minutes etc remain very low, enabling me to pass on this low cost to the Clubs by continuing to retain the Fees and Levies at a ridiculously low level. Enjoy whilst you can folks!

The MSA again supported the Association in the printing of the Year Book; however, as I may have mentioned before, I fear that this may be the last of the £250 subsidises

c. Stage Rally Co-ordinator:

The 2003 year has seen the competitor registrations continue at a stable level of 61 Drivers, 57 Co-Drivers with 46 registered for both Multi-use and Multi-venue Rallies
We had also seen an increase in the number of Lady contenders with many featuring in the top results and awards.

The championship ran with an increase number of competitors on most events but with the loss of John Overend and the Seaking Stages the Multi-use championship was reduced to 11 rounds.

The end of the year has seen the loss of Binbrook Airfield as a Motorsports venue despite all the efforts by Colin Jebson with the landowners to retain it.

There is some good news with the return of rallying at Caldwell Park in February 2003 and with the addition of Wilbaston Airfield to give more selection in 2004.

The Championship Overall is still maintaining its place as the best in the area based on competitor feedback with the use of all the best venues in the Notts, Lincs, Yorkshire region.

With the support of Roadrunner and Phoenix Awards the Association has no reason not to continue in its present strong format and with Sandra and Myself at most events signing on promoting the championship.

I would like to propose a vote of thanks to Colin Jebson for all his work at Binbrook.

The secretary will write to the sponsors passing on the Associations thanks for their continued support.

d. Road Rally Co-ordinator:

In most ways 2003 was a successful year for both the Road & Historic Rally Championships. Registrations again increased to a total of 86, up by 19% on 2002, of which 8 were Historic contenders, again an increase of 3 on the previous year and, while still a modest number, I intend to persevere with the Historics having already received the first registrations for 2004.

However, the disappointing side to the year was the number of cancellations and change of dates of events which disrupted the original program but, to the credit of the organisers concerned, the changes made proved successful and resulted in a total of eleven events being completed.

The final league tables are attached and a list of award winners shown below:

DRIVERS:

1st Overall John Haden
 2nd Overall Andy Beaumont
 3rd Overall John Ross
 4th Overall Guy Robinson
 5th Overall David Williams

NAVIGATORS:

1st Overall Iain Tullie
 2nd Overall Roger Hage
 3rd Overall Mick Fern
 4th Overall Lee Burgess
 5th Overall Mike Petch

1st Novice Nichola Hillier
 2nd Novice Adrian Ancliffe
 3rd Novice James Carter

1st Novice Dave Broadley
 2nd Novice Jonathan Stockdale
 3rd Novice Daniel Spittlehouse

1st Lady Nichola Hillier
 1st Under 25 Peter Reeson

1st Lady Sue Bartley
 1st Under 25 Oliver Ross

AWARD WINNERS - 2003 HISTORIC ROAD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP**DRIVERS:**

1st Overall James Carter
 1st Lady Jean Appleton

NAVIGATORS:

1st Overall Jonathan Stockdale
 1st Lady Heather Appleton
 1st Under 25 Heather Appleton

Congratulations to all our award winners, these will be presented at the Awards Presentation Dinner to be held at The Bentley Hotel, Lincoln, on Saturday 13th March 2004 – full details and booking forms will be enclosed with the next bulletin.

Our thanks to Les Twigg of CARS for his sponsorship of both the Road & Historic Rally Championships in 2003 and his continued support for 2004, it is greatly appreciated by both the Association and the competitors.

Our thanks also to the Organisers of the events for all their efforts and hard work which increases year on year and to the Marshals who have again given outstanding support in 2003.

The secretary will write to Les Twigg thanking him for his continued support.

e. Training Officer:

2003 has been a year of comparative quiet after the hustle and bustle of 2002 when the MSA Marshals Registration scheme was introduced.

Our Association provided three training evenings when members could have their registration cards signed to keep their grade. Avril Clarke and Gerry Blythe travelled to Kings Lynn, Lindholme and Lincoln to deliver this training. They were ably supported by Steve Muggleston and Richard Ashton.

Also this year I have acquired an assistant to help with the training and planning and allow both Gerry Blythe and myself more time to fulfil our other Association duties. Richard Ashton was voted in at the October meeting. He has been active within motor sport for many years and has conducted many training sessions in the past.

Thank you to everyone concerned with training this year particularly Gerry without whom the planning would have been a lot more arduous and Steve who ably assisted. A good year for maintaining the training programme with our Association once again at the forefront.

f. Radio Co-ordinator:

2003 was an important year for Radio with the introduction of the frequency changes. Grants were made available to help with the purchase of the new sets. Despite fears to the contrary no events suffered major problems because of this.

g. Public Relations and Marketing:

No Report

h. Women In Motor Sport:

I recently attended the MIA's Women in Motorsport seminar at the Autosports Show. The main question was why are there so few women involved in motorsport in this country? Lively debate followed, and proved

sport.

A number of views were put forward including the perception that it must be very expensive, the difficulties of attracting sponsorship, the importance of attracting the attention of the women's media, social factors which often preclude the exposure of girls to cars and technology in their formative years, the lack of role models, information dissemination (don't know where to look/who to speak to), and even old-fashioned male chauvinism.

There was no clear conclusion, no easy answer, however John Grant (chairman of the MSA) summed up "We (MSA) need to get to the bottom of what we have to do, because there must be something making it difficult for women".

10000, females initially entered Formula Woman highlighting that the interest is out there. It is hoped that TV (ITV1) coverage can combine with articles in the women's media and prove that motorsport is not a male-only sport and women can get involved, enjoy it and be successful.

One very simple comment was made –

The car doesn't recognise gender - so why not just go out and do it, girls?

Colin Hilton MSA Chief Executive stated that there are approx 30,000 competition licence holders and only 5% are female, and only 7% of licensed officials/organisers.

I don't doubt the statistics are true (well...), but strongly feel they don't reflect the true situation.

i. Social Officer:

For the fourth year we again used The Bentley Hotel, Lincoln.

The personnel were again most accommodating on arrival, with the entire staff making us feel very welcome, they were all exceptionally helpful.

I think everyone will agree the function room looked stunning with the table full of shining trophies, large video screen and table full of raffle prizes.

A record number of 143 guests sat down for the three-course meal, the food was served quickly, hot and very tasty, and I haven't been notified of any problems. Through out the meal a video of the award winners was shown on the big screen

Following the banquet we moved on to the awards presentation our Chairman Gerry Blythe spoke a few words and presented the Dick Newsum award of merit this was a big surprise as I was told it was not to be given out this year so an even bigger surprise to John and myself very big thank you to all concerned from us both. Following this John Chadwick presented the Road Rally awards along with the Sponsor Mr Les Twig, A double act from Co sponsors Rob Lowe and John Hickling with Robs wife Pat presenting the stage awards, a very good representation with over 30 winners collecting their spoils. Through out the presentation a slide show promoting 2003/4 championships and sponsors was shown.

The evening progressed with a cabaret singer and dancing to a new disco followed by a raffle the party then ended at 02.30 ish ! They just wouldn't let Kim stop singing we then retired to the bar.

Next morning .no I think we will keep that a secret but there looked to be a lot of grey looking faces

Summary .I feel the 2003 award presentation was well received and a total success, I have received letters and calls to that effect, which I am very grateful for. The change to a more up to date disco and singer was very well received

I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to John [the other half] for all his help and understanding Steve Mugglestone and Mark Collins for there help setting up on Saturday morning and packing away. Very big thanks to Joy Collins for the presentation, Ian Madison for the Video and Rob and Pat Lowe, John Chadwick and Les Twig; last but not least to all that attended thanks.

j. Venues Co-ordinators:

There will be three events at Swinderby during the 2004 season. There will however be no events at Binbrook as the venue is no longer available.

k. Chairman:

As we stand at the gateway of another year, it is time to report on a year in 2003 which has had its highs and its lows for this Association. Our own affairs have gone from strength to strength with a very successful year for competitors and clubs alike. However, it has not been a bed of roses all the way.

The most disappointing aspect of the year was the lack of support from the other Regional Associations in the matter of the Inter-Association Stage Rally Championship. When the idea was first mooted in 2002 at Regional Committee, the idea seemed to be very well received and on that basis the ANEMMC team began work. Meetings were held, arrangements made and all the time, our colleagues up and down the country were kept in touch with developments. It is now a matter of history that when it came to actually entering the event there no entries forthcoming from the majority of Associations and all the work put in by members of this Association came to nought. I would like to go on record as thanking my colleagues for their support and hard work and to tell you all that Regional Committee were left in doubt of our disappointment!

It is with great pride that we celebrate with Dukeries MC their success in winning the Alexander Forbes Motor Club of the Year Award. Members of the Club attended the Night of Champions at RAC HQ last Friday to receive their cheque and trophy. It is a well deserved success. The nomination came from this Association and shows that this part of the world is every bit as knowledgeable and effective as its counterparts on other parts of the country. Well done Dukeries!

2003 also saw the introduction of the new radio frequency for rally safety radios . Despite some early misgivings, the system moved seamlessly from one frequency to the new and, to the best of my knowledge, no event was left without adequate radio cover in this region. Well done to all our operators who responded and obtained new sets to ensure our rallies continued to operate safely.

The Rally Marshal scheme has been very successful in our region with a growing band of people joining the scheme and attending training courses arranged by ANEMMC. Long may it continue.

No annual report would be complete without acknowledging the efforts of the officers of the Association. Our Championships continue in strength and depth ably co-ordinated by John Chadwick and John & Sandra Hickling. The Annual Dinner & Awards Presentation gets even better with something new from John & Sandra every year. Mark keeps us fiscally secure and on track. Avril efficiently looks after the paperwork and keeps me in order and Aggie represents us in the field of Women in Motorsport. Ian Jones has been looking after the web-site although he has now relinquished that role and Mark has agreed to take over. I'm sure this will give Mark a chance to show what he can do in addition to looking after the purse strings ! My thanks are due to all these people who give unstintingly of their time to ensure that the Association's wheels run smoothly.

It is, however, with regret that we say good-bye to Steve Mugglestone as Vice-Chairman of the Association. Steve has decided that the time has come for him to spend more time with family and to withdraw from office with the Association. I am sure you join with me in thanking Steve for all his efforts and wishing him a very happy retirement after many long years with the Association.

On that note, I would wish every member of this Association every good wish for 2004 in the certain knowledge that this Association will do its very best for you all.

The chairman then presented a gift to Steve Mugglestone in recognition of his long involvement with the Association.

5. Election of Officers for 2000:

The Chairman asked the Secretary Avril Clarke to take the chair for the election of the Chairman.

Position	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	G. Blythe	Eastwood & DMC	Lincoln MC&CC

The Chairman then took charge of the elections.

Position	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Vice Chairman	N Leuchars	Grimsby	LLMC

The members then agreed as no further nominations had been received, the rest of the committee (who were all willing to stand for election) be block voted and re-elected.

This was proposed by Lincoln MC&CC, seconded by Grantham Poachers, and all votes cast in favour.

The following Officers were elected unopposed and all votes cast were in favour.

Secretary	A Clarke
Treasurer	M. Wagstaff
Stage Rally Co.	J. Hickling
Road Rally Co.	J. Chadwick
Training Officer	A Clarke
Ass Trainer	R Ashton
Radio Co.	B. Avery
P R & Marketing	VACANT
Women in Motorsport	A. Foster
Social Affairs	S. Hickling
Auditor	B. Northcote

Mark Wagstaff informed the meeting that he was prepared to take over as the Association Web Master

6. Any Other Business:

There being no other business relative to an AGM, the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 20.52hrs.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Monday 17th January 2005 at 20.00hrs.